

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2010

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a Community meeting at Turrentine Middle School, 1710 Edgewood Avenue, Burlington, North Carolina, 27215, on August 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ronnie K. Wall presided

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Wall, Councilmembers Huffman, Butler and Faucette

Councilmembers absent: Ross

Harold Owen, City Manager: Present

Mayor Wall opened the meeting with 22 citizens in attendance. Mayor Wall introduced members of the City Council in attendance: Mayor Pro Tem David Huffman, Councilman Jim Butler and Councilman Celo Faucette. Mayor Wall also recognized City Manager Harold Owen. The Mayor welcomed citizens and asked that they speak on any issues that they wished to discuss.

A number of citizens resided in the Woods at Grove Park community. Their primary concerns were that they did not receive City sanitation services. The citizens were quite well versed on the City ordinance that stipulated multifamily communities or developments with more than six units would not qualify for City provided sanitation services. Several citizens voiced concerns that they believed their community was somewhat different in terms of its development than most multifamily complexes in the sense of street width and driveway availability for garbage cans.

Staff responded that indeed they were correct about the City ordinance and their particular development was private in nature in terms of street construction at the request of the developer. Staff continued by noting the developer had been informed that it was his responsibility when marketing these units to alert buyers that City sanitation services would not be provided. The streets in the development remain private and were not dedicated to the City. Most other City services are provided to the residents. City Council responded that they would review this ordinance with staff during its 2011 Retreat.

A concern was also voiced about a delay in police response noting that the officer indicated he did not know where the street was located.

Several residents also questioned the process on the widening of Mebane Street. They indicated that as a result of construction additional traffic has been produced through their community as a "cut-through." Councilmembers individually responded on the NCDOT process for major road construction noting that Mebane Street is indeed a major east-west connector for the City.

A concern about water quality was voiced in which staff responded that City Utility Division employees would be in contact with that individual.

A citizen residing on Hillcrest Street voiced several concerns including debris remaining on Church Street as a result of the NCDOT paving; the condition of a house at the corner of Church Street and Hillcrest; lack of sidewalks on Hillcrest; size of open stormwater grates in the community; lack of street sweeping in the community; and lack of commercial growth in East Burlington.

Councilmembers stated that they would alert NCDOT concerning asphalt clean-up and spoke in depth about the City's CBC program designed to address clean-up issues.

Councilmembers also responded to the development question of East Burlington noting that the City worked closely with the Alamance Area Chamber of Commerce and was quite open to zoning requests concerning new business development but were limited in terms of placing businesses in certain communities.

Several residents from the Rolling Road community attended the meeting and thanked City Council for its efforts to clean up their community.

A representative of the Alamance Community Services agency spoke of offering support to the underemployed and unemployed citizens of the community.

Mayor Wall and Councilmen thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and expressing their views.

The meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk